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. *PAKISTAN: The level of political violence and the shrillness of rhetoric have been rising, but do not yet appear to threaten President Bhutto's dominant position.

The rioting in Karachi last month over the Sind language issue was the most widely publicized outbreak of political violence. Among other incidents were a grenade attack on an extremist leader in Sind Province and an armed attack on an opposition meeting by some of President Bhutto's followers in Lahore.

The opposition's denunciations of the government have become more virulent and personal, and government officials are replying in kind. Disruptive opposition tactics, including an attempt to declare one government supporter insane, forced the early adjournment of the Punjab provincial assembly despite an overwhelming government majority.

The US Embassy believes that the trauma of events of 1971 is wearing off and that Bhutto's mishandling of some problems--notably the language issue--has increased his vulnerability. Although Bhutto remains in control and has widespread support, continued violence could well lead him to impose increasingly repressive measures, which in turn could serve as a catalyst for more violence. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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YEMEN (SANA) - USSR: Press reports from Cairo that Yemen (Sana) has requested the withdrawal of Soviet experts have reportedly been denied by the Yemeni prime minister, but relations between the two countries remain cool. The deterioration began early this year when the USSR failed to follow through on promises of new arms and spare parts for Sana's largely Soviet-equipped military forces. Yemen (Sana) has also been rankled by the continuing Soviet aid to Sana's long-standing adversary, Yemen (Aden). An earlier report indicated that Sana had decided to reduce the size of the 200-300-man Soviet military and technical mission, but the Yemenis have not yet implemented that decision. (SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM)

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